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REQUEST	Application No.	09/619,876		
FOR	FOR Filing Date July 20, 2000		0	
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)	First Named Inven	tor Hiroki Yone	zawa	
TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, Group Art Unit		2170	2179	
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application				
filed on or after June 8, 1995. Examiner N		Truc T Chuc	ong	
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Atty Docket No. 1232-4636			
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.				
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.				
1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114				
a. Previously submitted				
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on <u>December 8, 2004</u> .				
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on				
iii. Other:				
b. Enclosed				
i. Amendment/Reply				
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)				
iv. Other: Petition for Extension of Time and \$450 for extension fee				
2. Miscellaneous				
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)				
b. Other:				
The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed				
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u> ,				
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §.1.17(e)				
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other				
b. Check in the amount of \$790 for RCE and \$450 for extension fee are enclosed.				
c. E The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit				
Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 1232-4636				
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED				
Name (Print/Type) Keith J. McWha	Reg. No. (A	atty/Agent)	44,235	
11.				
Signature Sudal TO (1)	Date January 12, 2005			

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